REMARKS

Independent claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE). It is respectfully submitted that Microsoft Internet Explorer does not anticipate amended claim 16.

Claim 16 has been amended to call for automatically, transiently displaying the other bar only for so long as information included on the other bar is valid, and replacing the other bar with a user selection bar after said information included on the other bar is no longer valid. In Microsoft Internet Explorer, the bar at 203 is not replaced by a user selection bar. See Figure 5. Accordingly, claim 16 as amended and claims dependent thereon are distinguished over Microsoft Internet Explorer.

Independent claim 21 was also rejected under § 102(a) as being anticipated by Microsoft Internet Explorer. As amended, claim 21 calls for automatically, transiently display the other bar only for so long as information included on the other bar is valid, the available display space to increase after said transient display of said other bar. Microsoft Internet Explorer fails to disclose increasing the available display space after the display of a progress area. For example, the disappearance of the bar at 203 does not increase the available display space. See Figure 5. Accordingly, amended claim 21 and claims dependent thereon are distinguished over Microsoft Internet Explorer.

Claim 26 was also rejected as being anticipated by Microsoft Internet Explorer. Claim 26 has been amended to call for a graphical user interface including at least two information bars, temporarily display one of the bars in response to a user selection of the bar, and automatically replace the display of the one of the bars to transiently display the other bar for so long as the information included on the bar is valid. It is respectfully submitted that Microsoft Internet Explorer fails to disclose every limitation of amended claim 26.

For example, in the Office action address bar 202 is cited as disclosing displaying one of said bars in response to user selection of the bar. But, the display of the address bar 202 is not replaced by the display of the bar at 203. See Figures 4 and 5. In other words, once selected by a user, the address bar at 202 is persistently displayed. See

Figure 4. Thus, for at least this reason, amended claim 26 and claims dependent thereon are distinguished over the cited art.

CONCLUSION

In response to the amendments in the remarks herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

The commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 20-1504 (ITL.0528US).

Respectfully submitted,

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